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New Willow Place traffic pattern to take effect next week in advance of traffic shift onto temporary Browning Road Bridge Willow Place to connect to Victory Drive and be one-way from Browning Road

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic pattern change for Willow Place in advance of a traffic shift onto the temporary Browning Road Bridge as part of the Direct Connect project in Bellmawr, Camden County.

On Monday afternoon, October 11, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to implement a new traffic pattern on Willow Place in Bellmawr in advance of a traffic shift onto the temporary Browning Road Bridge, which will happen later this month. The change in traffic pattern is necessary because there is not enough room to safely exit Willow Place onto the approach to the temporary Browning Road Bridge. Once the new bridge is built, traffic will return to the original pattern.

Willow Place is located at the west end of the Browning Road Bridge and provides access to a parking lot for residences. The road will be extended from the parking lot to connect to the end of Victory Drive. The new traffic pattern on Willow Place will be one-way from Browning Road toward Victory Drive. Traffic on Willow Place will not be able to exit onto Browning Road and will need to take Victory Drive to Browning Road. The street parking in front of the residences facing Browning Road between Victory Drive and Willow Place will be removed temporarily to allow traffic enough room to safely pass. Parking spaces will be striped after the traffic shift onto the temporary bridge is implemented.

The work is part of the Direct Connect project that will provide a seamless route for I-295 motorists traveling through the interchange of I-295, I-76, and Route 42. To sign up for I-295 Direct Connect project updates go to <u>295DirectConnect.com</u> or text CONNECT to 1-844-844-3681.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.